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**1 — Texas, 23 other states sue EPA over 'Clean Power Plan', Houston Chronicle, 10/23/2015** <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/politics/texas/article/Texas-23-other-states-sue-EPA-over-Clean-Power-6587565.php>

The state of Texas on Friday announced it is leading a 24-state lawsuit challenging the Obama administration's "Clean Power Plan," the second legal challenge the Attorney General Ken Paxton has mounted against the federal government in two days.

**2 — Oklahoma's attorney general files quick challenge to EPA carbon rule, The Oklahoman, 10/23/2015**

<http://newsok.com/oklahomas-attorney-general-files-quick-challenge-to-epa-carbon-rule/article/5455443>

Oklahoma's attorney general filed another legal challenge Friday to the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan to reduce greenhouse gases from power plants.

**3 – 24 states fighting directive on coal, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/23/2015**

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/oct/24/24-states-fighting-directive-on-coal-20/?f=business>

The federal Environmental Protection Agency regulatory package known as the Clean Power Plan officially took effect Friday. It was immediately challenged by 24 states, led by West Virginia and including Arkansas, in a U.S. appeals court filing in Washington, D.C. Oklahoma filed a separate petition.

**4 — Fatal flow: Brine from oil, gas drilling fouls land, kills wildlife at alarming rate, Dallas Morning News, 10/25/15**

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/local-news/20151024-fatal-flow-brine-from-oil-gas-drilling-fouls-land-kills-wildlife-at-alarmed-rate.ece>

Carl Johnson and his son, Justin, who have complained for years about spills of oilfield wastewater where they raise cattle in the high plains of New Mexico, stroll across a 1 1/2-acre patch of sandy soil — lifeless, save for a scattering of stunted weeds.

## **5 — Oklahoma Earthquakes Are a National Security Threat, Bloomberg, 10/23/2015**

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-10-23/oklahoma-earthquakes-are-a-national-security-threat>

In the months after Sept. 11, 2001, as U.S. security officials assessed the top targets for potential terrorist attacks, the small town of Cushing, Okla., received special attention. Even though it is home to fewer than 10,000 people, Cushing is the largest commercial oil storage hub in North America, second only in size to the U.S. government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

## **6 — Changes OK'd to river markers, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 10/24/2015**

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2015/oct/24/changes-ok-d-to-river-markers-20151024/>

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission approved new minerals standards Friday for parts of the Red River and the Little River that will now be reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which has expressed concerns about the new standards.

## **7 — Udall, Heinrich, And Luján Respond To Evaluation Of Gold King Mine Spill, KRWG, 10/23/2015**

<http://krwg.org/post/udall-heinrich-and-luj-n-respond-evaluation-gold-king-mine-spill>

Thursday, U.S. Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich and U.S. Representative Ben Ray Luján responded to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Technical Evaluation of the Gold King Mine Incident.

## **8 — Colorado residents seek cleanup of festering inactive mines, Denver Post, 10/25/2015**

[http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_29019278/colorado-residents-seek-cleanup-festering-inactive-mines](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_29019278/colorado-residents-seek-cleanup-festering-inactive-mines)

A local group went to federal court this month seeking long-term assurances that a water-treatment plant will always remain open as the collapsed tunnels and heaps of tailings leak an acid mix of heavy metals: arsenic, cadmium, zinc and others.

**9 – Baker Hughes reveals test results on water contamination, Midland Reporter-Telegram, 10/24/2015**

[http://www.mrt.com/news/top\\_stories/article\\_e91318b0-7a7e-11e5-8041-87a8a684ec63.html](http://www.mrt.com/news/top_stories/article_e91318b0-7a7e-11e5-8041-87a8a684ec63.html)

Baker Hughes is taking steps forward in addressing a water contamination concern for a county neighborhood along Interstate 20. Last summer, a Baker Hughes monitoring water well detected inexplicably high levels of chlorinated solvents in groundwater sources.

**10 — Mighty Mississippi River can rebuild the land we've lost (opinion), New Orleans Times-Picayune, 10/22/2015**

[http://www.nola.com/futureofneworleans/2015/10/coastal\\_restoration\\_diversions.html#incart\\_river](http://www.nola.com/futureofneworleans/2015/10/coastal_restoration_diversions.html#incart_river)

We are losing what we love. Whether you are watching the chop breaking over what used to be the orange groves of Leeville, running full speed across what was once Bayou Auguste west of Buras, or in any of 10,000 hidden places in the Sportsman's Paradise, the epic scale of land loss in the Louisiana Delta is no abstraction for the hunters and fishermen who know the place best.

**11 — What's wrong with that? (opinion), Miami (OK) News-Record, 10/23/2015**

[http://www.miamiok.com/commentary/article\\_893b0ea3-c574-58d2-b458-cce6ffb26438.html](http://www.miamiok.com/commentary/article_893b0ea3-c574-58d2-b458-cce6ffb26438.html)

The Tar Creek Superfund Site got some good news this week and the good news will keep coming. With the butterfly project the Miami Tribe will be doing, planting milkweed on their property and the Quapaw Tribe receiving nearly \$10 million to clean up 100 acres of extremely contaminated land just outside Commerce, Ottawa County got the kind of news we have been waiting to hear.

**12 — Storm runoff a concern for some, Temple Daily Telegram, 10/24/2015**

[http://www.tdtnews.com/news/article\\_b90533dc-7aa2-11e5-b448-ff1b1d00c9e5.html](http://www.tdtnews.com/news/article_b90533dc-7aa2-11e5-b448-ff1b1d00c9e5.html)

With heavy rainfall expected in Bell County and surrounding areas this weekend, Salado Mayor Skip Blancett and area residents are concerned about the welfare of Salado Creek because runoff could take sediment from the Interstate 35 road construction into the creek.